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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY INTERPELLATIONS ON
KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE

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1. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MET SEPTEMBER 21 AND
VOTED TO SUMMON PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTERS OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOME AFFAIRS, JUSTICE, DEFENSE
AND INFORMATION FOR INTERPELLATIONS ON KIM TAE-
CHUNG CASE SEPTEMBER 22, 24 AND 25.

2. IN ADDITION TO QUESTIONERS NAMED REFTTEL,
DRP MEMBER MIN PYONG-KI AND REVITALIZATION GROUP
MEMBER KIM YONG-SONG WILL ALSO INTERPELLATE.
ACCORDING TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OFFICIAL, INDE-
PENDENTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO FORM A FOURTH FLOOR
GROUP AND TO NAME TWO QUESTIONERS. SAME SOURCE
SAID FLOOR GROUPS ARE STILL NEGOTIATING OVER ORDER
IN WHICH QUESTIONERS WILL SPEAK.

3. RG NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF
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THAT MAIN FOCUS OF KIM TAE-CHUNG INTERPELLATIONS BY PRO-GOVERNMENT SPEAKERS WILL BE CRITICISM OF JAPANESE HANDLING OF THE INCIDENT, PARTICULARLY OF JAPANESE PRESS AND DIET REACTIONS.

4. ONE MANIFESTATION OF CURRENT ROKG LINE ACCUSING JAPANESE OF INTERFERENCE IN ROK AFFAIRS WAS FEATURE ARTICLE IN SEPTEMBER 19 KYONGHYANG SINMUN QUOTING CRITICISM OF JAPANESE PRESS BY A NUMBER OF LITTLE-KNOWN JAPANESE PROFESSORS AND POLITICIANS. ONE ACCUSED KIM TAE-CHUNG OF COLLABORATING WITH JAPANESE SUPPORTERS OF NORTH KOREA IN ORDER TO CRITICIZE JAPAN'S RELATIONS WITH THE ROK. OTHERS EXPRESSED FEAR OF SOUTH KOREAN BACKLASH OVER JAPANESE CRITICISM OF THE ROK IN CONNECTION WITH KIM CASE.
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